UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sheeley Michael J.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

[UFCS]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2015

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE

(Middle)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401

(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies A	equired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactiomr Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			C = V	A	or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2015		<u>J(1)</u>	1 (2)	A	\$ 38.7057	5,559 <u>(3)</u>	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		or Number		
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sheeley Michael J. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401

VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact

01/07/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares acquired through routine payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the Reporting Person, based on astatement of the administrator.

The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person (excluding fractionals) includes: 1,377 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley; 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 1,710 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 1,439 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/20/2020.

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